

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al
Appln. No. : 08/669,313
Filed : July 8, 1996
For : SHEET METAL MEMBER HAVING
AN ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL
AND A METHOD OF THICKENING
AN ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL
OF THE SHEET METAL MEMBER
(AS AMENDED)

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Response filed February 17, 1998 and
in response to the examiner's subsequent Advisory Action, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend claim 5 as follows:

Sub. D1> 5. (Thrice Amended) A method of forming a thickened
annular peripheral wall of a sheet metal member, comprising the
steps of: holding a base plate of the sheet metal member and
forming a flange-shaped portion integrally with an outer periphery
of the base plate; inserting the flange-shaped portion between a
circular bottom pattern tool and a circular top pattern tool;
applying recessed annular forming faces of circular rollers of
plural kinds against the flange-shaped portion and sequentially
pressing the flange-shaped portion projecting outwardly from the